Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) throughout the country under various schemes for development of education, State-wise details of such grants of Rs. one lakh and above are generally given in the Annual Report of the Ministry. In pursuance of the National Policy on Education, 1986 (NPE), Non-Governmental initiatives are encouraged to participate in different educational schemes. A task force has also been constituted to monitor the working of NGOs. Most of the Central Schemes/Programmes in the field of education are well known throughout the country. State Governments give these schemes wide publicity from time to time. The details of these schemes are also available on Department's website.

Penalty for Non-Appearance before NCW

3600. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the national Commission for Women have in order to protect the constitutional rights of women *inter-alia*, demanded authority to impose a penalty on those who fail to appear before it;

(b) if so, the details of demands put forth by the Commission; and

(c) how far those had been agreed to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Commission for Women (NCW) had recommended that powers be given to it to levy punishment for non-appearance in response to summons, and to initiate prosecution.

(c) The various provisions of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 are under examination.

Discontinuation of NCC Training in KVs

†3601. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to stop NCC training in Kendriya Vidyalayas; if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government are considering to start any other course in lieu of this course for students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be started and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) There have been some implementation problems in regard to the NCC Training in the Kendriya Vidyalayas which need to be resolved through inter ministerial consultations. Pending this, KVS has introduced marching/parades in scouts & guides and Mountaineering/Adventure activities at a massive scale through professional and Army run Mountaineering Institutes.

Success of Mid-day Meal Scheme

3602. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Mid-day Meal Scheme, introduced in 1995 in many States has been successful;

(b) whether the State Governments have been lifting their shares of wheat and rice every month, from the FCI godowns;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the names of defaulting States;

(d) whether Government are thinking to bring some modifications in the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) As per the evaluation study conducted by an independent agency called Operations Research Group, New Delhi to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (popularly called Mid-day Meals Scheme) in 10 States has found that while in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal the programme has given a boost to enrolment; in Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Orissa and Rajasthan it has made a positive impact on attendance and retention.